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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 824
By Bittle

A RESOLUTION to commend Miss Allison Atkin Akers for
extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miss Allison Atkin Akers is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives H.E. Bittle and Jamie Hagood; Allison's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she is highly admired by her peers, Allison has achieved academic success, earning a 3.86 grade point average while majoring in Industrial Engineering, minoring in General Business, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her academic and extracurricular excellence, Miss Akers has been inducted into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and the Golden Key National

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Honor Society; she has achieved summa cum laude status in her studies for every semester she has attended UTK and serves as director of the High School Outreach for Student Engineering Council, as a VOL Hostess for Tennessee Men's Basketball, and as a Young Life Leader for a Knoxville-area high school; and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that Allison Akers has always "walked and talked" the life of a young Christian, never being afraid to be who she is, and always choosing the right path in life; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Allison has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, including such special skills as eating Scooby Snacks without gaining a pound, being upset because she had to share her birthday cake with her boss, H.E., and wondering about those ever-curious questions on matters of the heart and the blocking of certain other body parts; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Allison brought her ability and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Allison's many achievements are a great source of pride for her parents, Vickie and Mark Margetts and Bill and Julie Akers, her grandparents, Bob and Nita Jones and Pat Akers, and her brothers and sisters, Will, Jillian, Stephen, Brian, and Keith; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Princess," "Miss Thang," and "Miss Priss" to many people, Allison is a wonderful person and a superb intern who will be greatly missed by the legislators and legislative staff with whom she had direct contact during her internship; and

WHEREAS, Miss Akers has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Miss Allison Atkin Akers for outstanding service as a

legislative intern for Representatives H.E. Bittle and Jamie Hagood and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.